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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1, 4-14 and 17-29 are now pending in this Application. Claims 3-8, 16 and 29 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 14 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 4-6, 14 and 17 have been amended and claims 2-3, 15-16 and 30-35 have been cancelled. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included hereinabove. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular the Examiner stated that he isn't sure what is meant by the terminology "before a node in the network that receives the location request message cancels propagation of the location request message and produces a location signature message that is returned to the location requesting device". Applicants believe the terminology is clear and non-ambiguous. Stated differently, a first node in the network receives a location request message sent by a second node. The first node can cancel further propagation of the location request message and return a location signature message from the first node to the second node. Applicants will add the word "further" before propagation in an attempt to clear up any misunderstanding by the Examiner regarding the cited terminology. Claim 3 has been cancelled and the limitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 3 under §112, second paragraph, is believed to have been overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-8, 16 and 19 were listed as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the

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limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 is now allowable. Similarly, claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15 and 16. Accordingly, claim 14 is now allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2, 9-13, 14-15, 17-28 and 30-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,327,535 to Evans et al. (hereinafter Evans. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3 and is now allowable. Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 15 and 16 and is now allowable. Claims 9-13 depend from claim 1 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim that is believed allowable. Claims 17-28 depend from claim 14 and are believed allowable as they depend from an allowable base claim. Claims 30-35 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-2, 9-13, 14-15, 17-28 and 30-35 as being anticipated by Evans is believed to have been overcome.

In view of the above the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1, 4-14 and 17-29 in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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